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CONTRADICTS MILES.

General Ludlow Makes a Written Statement.

SURPRISED AT TESTIMONY GIVEN.

There Were "Orders and Countermanding of Orders"—Commanded to Take Charge of Expedition, but Found Position Filled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—There were no witnesses before the war investigation commission yesterday, but the commission received and gave out an affidavit from General Ludlow, now military governor of Havana, which the general had forwarded in lieu of personally appearing in Washington. The typewritten statement was principally in answer to the statements of General Miles before the commission in reference to the lack of preparation made by the engineer corps, of which General Ludlow had been the chief officer in the field.

General Ludlow in his statement disclaimed all intention of disrespect toward General Miles before categorically contradicting the latter's testimony as reported in the papers.

General Ludlow explained that the press of work in Havana had prevented his earlier attention to the matter, and then continued:

"Having only newspaper clippings which were sent to me by friends, I am without authentic information as to what General Miles really stated to the commission, and my time in Havana has been so engrossed that no opportunity has been offered to draft this statement until now.

"If these clippings indicate correctly the nature of General Miles' statements and of the responsibility which is therein made to attach to me for any shortcomings that may be supposed to have existed in connection with the embarkation and disembarkation of the Santiago expedition, I beg leave, disclaiming all intention of disrespect, to express surprise at the statements made.

"I had the honor at the time to be attached to General Miles' staff, as chief engineer of the army in the field, and such orders as I received were given me by him. In the newspaper statements it



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is represented that I had been ordered by General Miles to supply myself with everything necessary for the disembarkation of the troops in Cuba; that I failed to comply with these instructions and that practically I had done no more than furnish a number of small pontoon boats that would be entirely useless for the purpose, although I had been sent to various places for the purpose of collecting a proper equipment.

General Ludlow then explained that his first orders were to prepare an expedition to land at Mariel, on the north Cuban coast, to operate against Havana. Only from 6,000 to 7,000 men were to be landed in a sheltered harbor, and he provided the pontoon boats for use as a landing pier in smooth water. The transport Alamo was equipped for two companies of engineers and abundantly supplied with the necessary tools, picks, shovels, etc. When the plan of campaign was suddenly changed to the south coast, the Alamo had been loaded for another expedition and was out of reach, and the problems to be faced in the unsheltered roadstead at Siboney were radically different from those at Mariel.

Concerning General Miles' instructions General Ludlow then goes on to say: "I was merely ordered in writing to proceed to Tampa, accompany General Shafter's expedition and render him all the aid in my power. This was the only formal order I had from General Miles or from any one else."

General Ludlow explained that on arriving at Tampa he found General Shafter had turned over the whole matter of transportation and disembarkation to Colonel Humphreys of the quartermaster's department, and General Ludlow thereupon confined himself to studying the problems of defense and roads around Santiago.

There were orders and countermanding of orders at Tampa, General Ludlow explained, and he did not know till "just prior to the sailing of the Shafter expedition" whether he was to go with it or to Porto Rico. At the last moment he received a formal letter from General Miles announcing that he (Ludlow) was charged with the full responsibility of the Shafter expedition's transportation and disembarkation; that he was "unrestricted in his orders and expenditures" and would be held to account for the success or failure of the expedition in these respects. General Ludlow thereupon formally disclaimed this full measure of responsibility, expressing his opinion, however, that the preparations were adequate.

In conclusion, General Ludlow requested that the commission should give his statement as much publicity as the statement of General Miles.

REPORTS WERE EXAGGERATED.

Investigations in Santiago Province Show No Cause for Alarm.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Jan. 28.—After a thorough investigation, including careful inquiries among the planters, merchants and business men of all classes in the entire district of Guantanamo, it is safe to say that the reports of incendiarism, brigandage, sugar cane burning and other lawlessness in this region have been greatly exaggerated. Probably the Guantanamo district is as peaceful as any other portion of the province of Santiago. There is a large Spanish element in Guantanamo city, and these people seem to have endeavored to give all unfavorable reports a malicious flavor.

For instance, a single horse is stolen. Immediately the Guantanamo Spaniards represent that a large body of bandits is at work. Such cases could easily be multiplied. The Cubans believe that the man who was arrested on the St. Cecilia plantation for inciting the workmen to return to their camps was really bribed by local Spanish merchants to act in this fashion and to pretend that he was obeying his officers.

As a matter of fact, the entire route overland from Guantanamo to Santiago shows many signs of awakening prosperity and of increasing confidence in the present regime. There is absolutely no sign of an insurgent camp along the entire road, a distance of more than 40 miles.

A number of men representing American business firms arrived here yesterday on board the Ward line steamer Santiago, which left New York Jan. 19. They are looking for favorable opportunity to invest capital.

SENATOR PLATT SPEAKS.

Discussion of Vest's Antilexpansion Resolution Continues in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Particular interest was manifested in the senate yesterday in a brief speech delivered by Senator T. C. Platt of New York on the general subject of expansion. Mr. Platt took for his text the antilexpansion resolution offered by Mr. Vest of Missouri, but in the course of his speech merely touched upon the constitutional question involved in the proposed declaration. He spoke in a clear, resonant voice, and not only because this was the first speech he had delivered in the senate since his return to the body, but also because the address was a thoughtful and well considered statement, he was accorded the undivided attention of his colleagues on the floor and a large audience in the galleries. A pleasing, though quiet, vein of humor ran through the speech, sharply pointing his statements. He took strong ground for the ratification of the pending treaty of peace.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Sullivan of Mississippi declaring that the ratification of the treaty shall not commit the government to a colonial policy. The pension appropriation bill, the second of the general appropriation measures, was passed after some debate.

Late in the afternoon eulogies were pronounced on the late Representative Cooke of Illinois, addresses being made by Senators Cullom, Allison, Wellington and Mason.

Sultan Kisses the Prophet's Mantle.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 28.—Sultan Abdul Hamid made his annual visit to Stamboul by water yesterday to kiss the mantle of the prophet. The usual elaborate ceremonies were observed. Throughout the week the police have been taking extraordinary precautions to secure his majesty's safety, and many arrests have been made. Thursday they visited all the drug stores and hermetically sealed all deposits of chlorate of potash. This was done to alleviate the sultan's fear of being attacked by explosives.

More Doukhobors Arrive.

HALIFAX, Jan. 28.—The steamer Lake Superior, with the second batch of Doukhobors, 2,000 in number, going to the Canadian northwest, arrived yesterday from Batoum, 23 days. There was no psalm singing or emotional reception such as characterized the arrival of the first detachment of the persecuted Russian Quakers a week ago.

No Sports on Memorial Day.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 28.—Among the new measures presented to the Maine legislature were 133 petitions with 2,950 signers for the better observance of Memorial day, accompanied by a bill providing fine and imprisonment for anybody taking part in games or sports on that day.

New Mexican Ambassador.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 28.—President Diaz has appointed Manuel Aspiraz, assistant secretary of foreign relations, to be ambassador at Washington. He is a native of Puebla, is 55 years old and was prominent in the Liberal party in the administration of Juarez.

Goodby to Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 28.—Charles Green of St. Louis, who has a lien for about \$50,000 on the Kentucky association track, the oldest in the United States, will begin work cutting it up into town lots in a few days. There will be no more running racing at Lexington.

Bounties For American Shipping.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Chairman Payne of the house committee on merchant marine has filed the report on the bill to develop American shipping by the payment of bounties. The report gives an interesting recital of the history of the American merchant marine.

The Sixty-sixth Century Home.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Jan. 28.—The sixty-sixth New York departed for New York last night over the Nashville and St. Louis railway. The regiment will go by way of Cincinnati, Cleveland, Buffalo and Albany, reaching New York city Monday.

PARIS RIOTS AGAIN.

Cheers For the Army, Jeers For the Jews.

MOBS AT THE PALACE OF JUSTICE.

Suit of Mme. Henry Against Editor of Republique Francaise For Libel Calls Together an Anti-Semitic Crowd, and a Fight Follows.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—The trial of the action brought by Mme. Henry, widow of Lieutenant Colonel Henry, who committed suicide in prison here after confessing to having forged one of the documents in the Dreyfus case, against M. Joseph Reinach, a member of the chamber of deputies and editor of the Republique Francaise, for libeling the deceased in declaring him a traitor, opened in the assize court yesterday. Most of the witnesses, of whom there were a great number, were present when the proceedings commenced. The officers appeared in civilian dress.

Mme. Henry, who was dressed in deep mourning, was among those present. There was great animation in the lobbies of the Palace of Justice.

M. Labori, counsel for M. Reinach, immediately asked the court to postpone the trial until the Dreyfus inquiry was terminated. He declared the suit was merely the work of a political party reduced to the last extremities and that it was merely a desperate attempt to influence the verdict of the court of cassation in its revision of the Dreyfus trial.

Continuing, M. Labori said the suit was ostensibly instituted to obtain satisfaction and honor for a woman and child.

Here Mme. Henry began to weep and M. Labori expressed regret at the fact that his duty compelled him to allude to painful matters.

After M. Labori's speech M. Staubin, counsel for Mme. Henry, replied, violently attacking M. Reinach. He insisted that all the witnesses were present and that M. Reinach should give the proofs of his assertions as he had promised to do.

M. Labori wished to reply, and there was a sharp passage between him and the judge, who refused to allow him to reply and called upon the advocate general, M. Lombard, to speak. The latter opposed M. Labori's application, and M. Labori then urged an adjournment of the case in order to spare the country "useless agitation," adding, amid murmurs in court, that even if an adjournment was refused a hearing could not take place after the court had given its decision, and he (M. Labori) had given notice of an appeal to the court of cassation.

M. Staubin asked that the notice of appeal should not have the effect of suspending the proceedings.

The court decided to adjourn the proceedings until the court of cassation passed upon M. Labori's appeal.

The neighborhood of the Palace of Justice was quiet until 2 o'clock, when a mob, headed by a cripple nicknamed "Libertad," who was on crutches and had naked feet in spite of the cold, and a band of anti-Semites, led by M. Guerin, president of the anti-Semite league, entered the Place Dauphine, at the back of the Palace of Justice, and began shouting. The police cleared the square and placed a cordon around it. The crowd cheered for the army and shouted "Death to the Jews!"

After the anti-Semite mobs had been driven from the neighborhood of the court they reformed on the Place du Chatelet, howling, "Spit on the Jews," and cheering for the army. A stick fight followed, during which several persons were injured, and the rioters were again scattered.

M. Marced-Habart, member of the chamber of deputies for the Rambouillet district of the department of Seine-et-Oise, a friend of the late General Boulanger, was prominent among the manifestants.

The Grecian Earthquakes.

ATHENS, Jan. 28.—The seismic disturbances which began in the Peloponnese or southern portion of the kingdom of Greece last Sunday morning and which have continued intermittently in the southwestern departments of the peninsula were very violent again yesterday. In the district of Kyparissia, on the gulf of Arcadia, a number of houses fell. The inhabitants of the region are panic stricken.

Tombstones For Maine Victims.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Quartermaster Hyde of Boston has received orders to send 28 gravestones to Key West to be set up over the resting places of 24 victims of the battleship Maine and four victims of the torpedo boat Winslow, who are buried there. These graves, which are among those of soldiers who died in the late war, will be the first to secure this recognition from the government.

Pension For Santiago Hero.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The pension bureau has granted a pension of \$12 a month to the widow of Chief Yeoman George H. Ellis, the only man in our navy killed at Santiago in the annihilation of Cervera's fleet. Ellis was on the Brooklyn and was exposed on the open deck ascertaining the range of the enemy with a stadimeter, when his head was shot off.

Battling Mills Burned.

WALPOLE, Mass., Jan. 28.—The main buildings of the Lewis Battling company, manufacturers of cotton batting, were burned yesterday, with the machinery and stock. The total loss is about \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

Rockefeller For President.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Perry A. Rockefeller, 190, of New York city, has been elected manager of the Yale football eleven for 1899. He was assistant manager of the last eleven.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

Great Opposition to the Bill Has Developed in the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The opposition to the army reorganization bill on the Republican side of the house has become so strong that yesterday Chairman Hull, after Mr. Henderson of Iowa, one of the floor leaders of the majority, had threatened to vote to recommit the bill, decided it would be wise in order to insure its passage to abandon the idea of providing directly for a regular army of 100,000 men. He announced on the floor that the committee would offer amendments to reduce the number of enlisted men to about 60,000, but lodge in the president's discretion the authority to increase the army to a maximum of 100,000. These amendments have been prepared. They provide that the president may in his discretion enlist only 60 men in the infantry companies and 60 in the cavalry troops. By the terms of the bill there are to be 30 infantry regiments of 10 companies each with a



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(Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs.)

strength of 145 men and 12 regiments of cavalry of 10 troops each with a strength of 106 men.

This discretion, if the president should exercise it, would reduce the number of enlisted men about 31,000 and practically leave intact the organization provided in the bill so far as officers are concerned. How far the proposed modifications will allay the opposition remains to be seen. Mr. Johnson of Indiana, who took a prominent part in the fight yesterday, after the general debate closed declared that the purpose of the bill was to have an army of 100,000 either by direct authority or the exercise of the president's discretion, and he declared his purpose to fight to the bitter end the machinery which was being forged for a colonial system. Mr. Henderson in the course of the debate declared his belief in the unwisdom of annexing the Philippines. Mr. Johnson said the vital mistake was made when the president induced the peace commissioners to demand the cession of the Philippines. The whole debate yesterday was spirited, and so intense was the struggle when the bill was taken up for amendment under the five minute rule that the first session had not been completed when the house recessed at 5 o'clock.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

P. & M. Shields, bankers, of Belfast, have failed. Their liabilities are \$120,000.

The carpet factory of William Judge & Bro., Philadelphia, was burned. Loss, \$100,000.

The Miners' Copper company, with \$10,000,000 capital, was incorporated in Trenton.

Mr. Joseph H. Choate, United States ambassador to Great Britain, received his final instructions.

Eleven members of the crew of the ship Manbare, which was wrecked off the coast of New Guinea, were eaten by cannibals.

Louis J. Snare of New York, who stole \$20,000 from his employers, Mandel, Pirsch & Weinor, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for seven years.

Suffrage For Women.

ALBANY, Jan. 28.—The first move to extend the suffrage to women will be begun in the legislature on Monday night, when Senator Armstrong of Monroe will introduce a bill providing that the right of suffrage shall be extended to women, so that in cities of the third class and in all villages and towns where school suffrage is now granted they may also vote on all questions involving taxation. The extension is on the line suggested by Governor Roosevelt and does not go to the extent of granting universal suffrage. The governor's idea is to make a trial of the extension, and if it proves a good move to gradually extend it still more.

Good News From General Otis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A dispatch received at the war department yesterday from General Otis relieved the anxiety of the administration concerning the situation in the Philippines. It was the best news that had come for a week. The message began with the statement: "Situation improving; less excitement prevailing." Beyond this the military authorities decline to make public any of the contents of the dispatch, which contained about 400 words.

Havana Customs Increasing.

HAVANA, Jan. 28.—The customs receipts yesterday amounted to \$49,000. The receipts Thursday were \$46,000. The gross receipts for January, including yesterday, are \$724,000, and Collector Bliss expects to reach \$800,000 with the end of the month. This would be at the rate of \$1,000,000 a year more than Spain collected annually during the last 12 years of her regime under a tariff 50 per cent less. These figures give an idea of the extent of Spanish official peculation.

Foot's Brother Dosed.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 28.—John Holmes, brother of the late Oliver Wendell Holmes, died at his home here yesterday, aged 87 years. He was never married. He had devoted his life to classical study and general literature.

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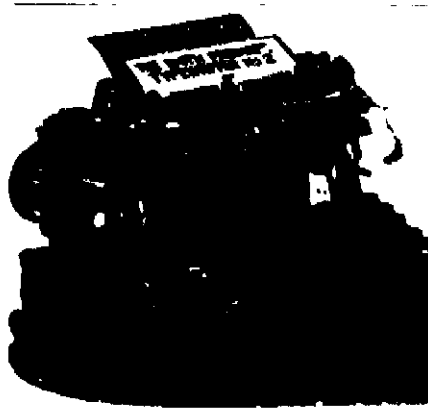
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EACH WITH A POINT.

The more need, the less nerve.
Men call their own imbecility fate.
Fortune rides a wheel, but it isn't a safety.
The pinch is to love; justice will follow.
God has positions to give out, no measure.
Wit is what everybody thinks, nobody says.
Duty, without imagination, marches to dull music.
We put our worst selfishness on those we profess to love.
The wise discover principles—fools demonstrate them.
We love souls into life and then kill them by indifference.
To resist justice is the stupidest passion of the human soul.
We don't laugh at the right object until we laugh at ourselves.
What we spend on justice we may discount from our charity.
Purr, but don't scratch me; caressing voices are seldom too friendly.
Not to know our duty is one kind of insanity; not to do it is another kind.
There are wealth and poverty of some kind in every human habitation.
Very little going from actual good to bad—we do not exchange a shilling for a sixpence.
We all hold the bonds of experience—some pay dividends, the rest call for assessments.
Any old fool can tack up a screen, and many a holy show is the consequence.
Give the needy what they need, and, in order to be able, refuse to give the unneeded.
Crosses are not set up in parlors—we must meet our crucifixions in the public street.
Wisdom is to know a dream from a reality—ignorant man appears to himself a fact, God a dream.
Wit should not be all fizz—there should be a good stiff dose of moral sarsaparilla under it, a tonic as well as a tickler.
Meddling is pure conceit. We are intolerant of those who mind their own affairs—we could manage them so much better.—Boston Transcript.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

The organ of sight is more highly developed in birds than in any other animal.
The wool on the back of a sheep is the shepherd's barometer. The curlier the wool the finer will be the weather.
Frost has a variety of effects upon different products. Under the same influence eggs will burst, apples contract and potatoes turn black.
A scientist has calculated that the eyelids of the average man open and shut no fewer than 4,000,000 times in the course of a single year of his existence.
The sanitary authorities of Sutton Burry, England, have gone into the perfume business in an unusual manner, for they are producing lavender on their sewage farm.
Whenever the human eye is threatened with injury the eyelids close involuntarily. If a man had to think before shutting his eyes on such occasions he would be too slow to save the eye.

FACTS GATHERED ABROAD.

Algeria is the only country in the world where the horses outnumber the human beings.
In the German hospital in London 2,490 cases of accidents were treated last year.
The German people spend \$316,000,000 a year on spirituous drinks—nearly a million a day.
Within a mile from Congleton, on the high road from Macclesfield, in England, there is a deserted village consisting of over 60 houses, not one of which is tenanted. Havannah is its name.
France has as many as 45,000 families, with 130,000 individuals, claiming a title of nobility; but, as a matter of fact, only about 450 families can prove their claim to descent from a noble family in feudal times. Large additions are still made every year to the list of "aristocrats" by the assumption of names with a de in them.

WHEAT AND CHAFF.

A good deed never dies.
Give me my enemy while I live.
The idler is the devil's easiest tool.
Weak-minded men are apt to be obstinate.
True education never induces contempt of the ignorant.
When we despair, not only our compass but our ship is gone.
Money may buy horns for a donkey, but it cannot hide his brogue when he speaks.
There is no slave so sadly bound, as the one who thinks he is free to serve his own lusts.
Don't build the ginger-bread house of cheap reputation on the tenuous foundation of inexperience.—Ram's

DATES IN HISTORY.

An act of congress in 1872 abolished flogging in the navy.
The photograph was invented by Edison in 1877.
In 1879 Edison produced the incandescent electric light.
In 1879 the first electric railway was operated in Berlin by Siemens.
Giles de Retz of France the original "Blue Beard," was executed on Christmas day, 1440, in atonement for a multitude of sins, which included the killing of six wives, from which the popular nursery story is derived.

AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCHES.

A Presbyterian church has been built in Juneau.
The total membership of the Universalist church in this country is stated to be 51,247.
It is stated that out of the 33,494 clergymen of the Church of England 4,397 are unemployed.
It is stated that 1,600 Chinese have been taken into membership in the different churches of the United States.
The Turkish government has granted the Palestine exploration fund directors permission to work at Gath, the home of Goliath, the giant.
Miss Clara Parish, one of the W. C. T. U. round-the-world missionaries, who is working now in Burma, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Paris, Ill.
The Chicago training school has sent more than 100 missionaries to foreign fields and has prepared over 300 deaconesses for work in the Methodist Episcopal church.
The railroads of the country last year contributed over \$150,000 for the support of the railroad branches of the Y. M. C. A., and the officials of the roads consider the money a wise investment.
Missionaries and other Christian workers in India are contemplating a reproduction in that country of the well-known Northfield conference in this country. A beginning will be made in Mussoorie next September.
An effort is being made in Boston to unite all the churches for Christian work among the neglected people of the city. The movement is patterned after the Federation of Free Churches, which has been so successful in England.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES.

Tommy, aged five, having been told that a baby sister had just arrived from Heaven, marched into the room and said: "Now, Miss Baby, tell us all about Heaven 'fore you forget it."
"Are you glad to see me, Johnnie?" asked the minister, as he took the pride of the household on his knee. "Yeth, thir," lisped the little fellow. "Tell me why you are glad to see me?" asked the good man. "Because," was the reply, "when you vithit uth we alwayth have a good dinner."
"Mamma," said small Bobbie, "what did you mean by saying sister had outgrown her shoes?" "I meant that she had grown too big for them and they will have to be thrown away," was the reply. "Well, then, mamma," continued Bobbie, "how long will it be until I outgrow my slippers?"
Tommy, aged five, accompanied his father to church one cold Sabbath morning and upon their return his mother asked if he could repeat the minister's text. "Course I can," replied the little fellow. "He got up and rubbed his hands together and said: 'Many are cold, but few are frozen.'"
Little Tommy awakened one morning to find the ground covered with snow, the first he remembered ever to have seen. "Oh, mamma!" he exclaimed, "the ground is all spilt over with flour!" A little cousin who was visiting him hastened to reply: "I could flink zat you would know better, Willie. Zat's nuffin but whitewash."—Chicago

FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

The Bank of France is four times as large as the Bank of England.
Vienna has trebled its population within 35 years.
In some parts of Switzerland the snow was six feet deep on the first days of December.
Cyclists in Denmark are forbidden by law to ride faster than the speed of a cub through any town.
In the decade 1891 to 1891 four-fifths of the increase of population in France was in Paris.
The dirtiest people on earth are said to be the inhabitants of Tibet, who never wash either themselves or their garments.
Siberia will be largely represented in Paris in 1900, the first time at any exposition. The new railway and the lands it has opened up will be fully represented.
Lambeth palace, London, has been the home of the primates of Canterbury for over seven centuries. The palace can show specimens of almost every style of architecture which has prevailed since 1190.
The Mexicans have a queer way of burying the dead. The corpse is tightly wrapped in century plant matting and placed in a coffin hired for about a shilling. One or two natives, as the case may be, place the coffin on their heads and go at a trot to the grave, where the body is interred and the coffin is then returned.


TOLD OF THE WOMEN.

In Maryland in 1820 women who were property holders and had no husbands were entitled to vote.
Miss Sallie Faulkner, daughter of Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, recently paid a visit to her brother, a lieutenant in the army, now stationed in Wyoming. While there she rode a broncho which only one man at the fort could master.
Woman is constantly encroaching upon man's domain. Nevada has a female jockey, who is already famous. At the Nevada state fair she won three out of five mounts, appearing in a natty jockey costume and riding astride. She is Miss Bagwell, of Carson City. Her age is 24 years and her weight 101 pounds.
Women are running men closely in professional competition in the United States. There are 4,000 actresses and 35,000 female vocalists; 11,000 follow art as a profession, 2,800 literature and 890 journalism. The women also try their hand at dramatic authorship and managing theaters. The number so em-

WOMANLY

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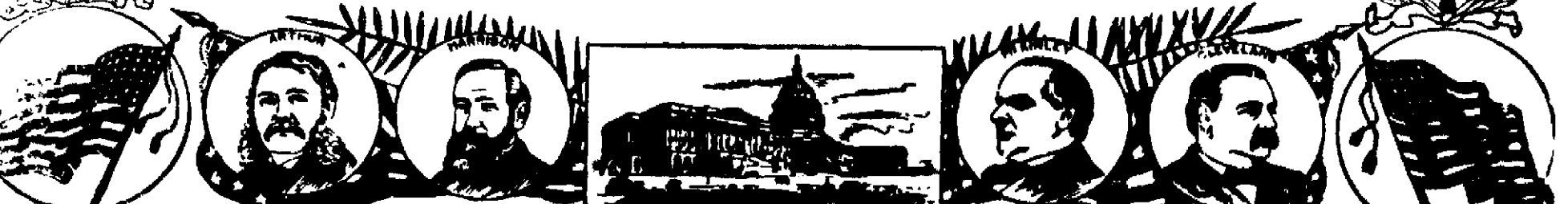
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WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY ARE DOING.

The News from All Parts of the County
—Many Matters of Interest Condensed
from Our Sullivan Exchange and Con-
tributed by Wide-Awake Correspond-
ents.

—Laura Barefoot, the daughter of H. Barefoot, of Grahamsville, was thrown from a horse, while horseback riding last week, and was badly injured. The horse slipped and fell on the ice and the rider was thrown heavily to the ground. She was unconscious for some time and had a bad cut across the forehead.

—F. A. Starr has sold the Monticello steam laundry to Ben Carson and Levi VanLeuven.

—In the suit of R. E. Asher against Dell Case to recover the value of a bicycle, seized for an unpaid board bill, tried for the second time in County Court at Monticello, this week, the jury rendered a verdict of no cause of action. At a former trial a judgment of \$48.50 was rendered for plaintiff, but this judgment was reversed and the case was sent back for retrial.

—The debt on the Parkville M. E. Church has been provided for by the generous subscriptions of members of the congregation.

—John O'Neill is enlarging his hotel at Harleyville.

—Frank Nutting has purchased of the Rice Brothers their 800-acre wood lot at Niversink.

—J. C. Young has bought of C. A. Sprague the Crawford blacksmith shop lot in Liberty, for \$1,000.

—Twenty carpenters are at work on the Pinney house at Liberty and rapid progress is being made. The plans call for eighty-five sleeping rooms thus making the house one of the largest in the county.

—Julia A. Quick, from the town of Nevinsick, died at the almshouse on Sunday, 22d. She was sixty-eight years of age and had two children, whom she believed resided somewhere in this country. She had been at the poor house about five years.

—The Watchman reprinted, this week, the account published at the time of the great fire, which, in 1884, destroyed the court house, Presbyterian Church, clerk's office, the house of G. M. Benedict and half a dozen barns.

—The two young men of the Mormon faith, says the Jeffersonville Record, who are holding gospel meetings in the Swiss Hill school house have asked permission of the trustees to hold their services in the school house in this village. The trustees have refused.

—Lucyette Culver Carpenter died at her home in Monticello, Monday, of grip and general debility, in her sixty-second year. She is survived by her husband, B. O. Carpenter, and two sons, one of whom is Oscar O., of Middletown.

—Charles H. Sprague, of the town of Rockland, whose house was recently destroyed by fire, and who it seemed likely would lose all his insurance because his policies had not been changed to conform to a change in the title to the property, has effected a settlement with the companies which pay him fifty per cent. of the insurance or about \$850.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Liberty M. E. Church has undertaken to raise, this year, \$500, for painting the church and enlarging its lecture room.

—Mrs. J. G. Greening and daughter, of Liberty, are visiting relatives in the State of Michigan.

—Robt. Greening and wife of Newburg are visiting his brother J. G. Greening, of Liberty.

—Under the auspices of the Congregational Church meetings are being conducted in a number of the school-houses outside the village. —Roscoe Review.

—Senator Ford has introduced a bill at Albany appropriating \$20,000 to be expended by the State Board of Health for the care of consumptive residents of the State at the Loomis Sanitarium in Liberty, Sullivan county. This would allow care to be given each year to 100 persons so affected at the rate of \$200 a year.

—The Livingston Manor Manufacturing Co. is very busy, giving employment to twenty-three turners. It is building an addition to its factory for an automatic lathe.

—George Hall, a lawyer, formerly of this village, died recently at Fairport near Rochester. In 1892 he practiced law here in partnership with E. B. Dodge. —Livingston Manor Express.

—Theodore Anderson has bought of P. H. Woolley two lots in Livingston Manor, on which he will build two houses in the spring.

—Assemblyman Sprague has introduced a bill authorizing the State Court of Claims to hear, audit and determine the claim of Abel R. Parks against the State for the loss of title to a farm of fifty acres in the town of Liberty, Sullivan county, on account of the alleged failure of the State Comptroller to publish the notice to redeem the same from the sale of taxes in the manner and for the time required by law, and for the Court of Claims to render such an award thereon as may be judged proper.

—Post Office Inspector C. L. Morris is sick with grip at his home in Monticello.

—The question of a system of sewerage for Liberty is to be submitted to the voters of that village at the annual village election, which will be held on March 21st. The commissioners believe that if the vote is in favor of sewers the system can be completed before the boarding season begins.

—Fred Henry, one of the proprietors of the Arlington Hotel at Livingston

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In every civilized country, rich and poor alike have found restored health and vigor in Paine's celery compound. "Hard-working people of ordinary means are to be congratulated," says an English writer in reviewing the scientific work of the last quarter of a century, "upon having so easily within their reach to-day a remedy which the wealthiest and most influential persons must themselves use, if they would get the best that modern medical skill offers. Paine's celery compound proves that the science of medicine has kept pace with the wonderful progress which characterizes the life of the present generation."

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Adeline, Countess Schimmelmans, whose portrait is here given, in a recent letter to the Wells & Richardson Company, speaks of friends of hers who have been benefited by Paine's celery compound, and who first advised her to recommend it to her sick friends.

The countess, as is well known, is a prominent member of the Danish court. Her coming to this country has been much talked of.

Manor, has leased the Sutcliffe House at Callicoon Depot. It is said that Edward Hahn, Mr. Henry's brother-in-law, will manage the house.

—D. S. Kays and Philip Jacobs, Jr., of Youngsville, propose to start a paper there.

THE BULLVILLE DRAINAGE CASE

Practically Decided by the Decision in the Greycourt Meadows Case.

The decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Greycourt meadows drainage case is regarded by lawyers as practically deciding the Bullville drainage case in favor of Messrs. Roberson and Miller who resisted the attempt of Mr. Evans to force them to put a ditch through their properties. The frequent adjournments of the Bullville case have been made that the decision of the appellate court in the Greycourt case might be obtained to guide the commission in reaching a decision.

Two Strong S. and W. Employees.

Conductor Payson has two very strong men in his Delhi branch crew. They are E. R. Johnson and C. D. LeRoy. One day recently, while unloading freight at Hamden, each carried a barrel of sugar weighing 325 pounds on his back without apparent effort. It is said they have each been known to carry a barrel of kerosene oil and put it in a car.

SLATE MILL.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The Slate Mill singing class will meet again Tuesday evening, Jan. 31st.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
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Her real object was one of charity, for she is using her great wealth and influence this winter in assisting the Danish people in the western states. She is stopping in Chicago, and from there writes her straightforward endorsement of Paine's celery compound.

Women who are easily excited, who waste energy worrying over trifles, who are often sufferers from sick headache and nervousness, should read the plain, unbiased statements of what Paine's celery compound has done for other women.

Among the diseases that cause a vast amount of needless suffering that may be readily cured by Paine's celery compound are biliousness, torpid liver, headaches, sleeplessness, dizziness, constipation, dyspepsia and general nervousness and debility.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Snow, to-night, and Sunday; warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the reading of the thermometer at 7 a. m., 12 m., 2 p. m., 3 p. m., 4 p. m.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 30—Feb. 4—Tommy Steiner and company, at Casino.
—Jan. 31—Miss Myers' dancing class reception at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 2—Oyster supper at First Baptist Church, under auspices of Y. M. C. A.
—Feb. 13—McQuaid's annual ball, at Casino.
—Feb. 14—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Russell H. Cowell, at the Casino.
—Feb. 22—J. C. A. M. second annual ball at Assembly Rooms.
—March 17—St. Patrick's Day—Billy Allison's masquerade ball, at the Casino.
—March 17—Second annual reception and ball of St. Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.

When Gov. Roosevelt consults with Chairman Odell, of the Republican State Committee, in regard to police legislation for New York city, he discredits all such legislation in advance, for he admits that the legislation proposed is not for the benefit of New York city but for the benefit of the Republican party.

Every day that Pennsylvania's senatorial contest is prolonged throws new light on the rottenness of Republican methods in that State. The Business Men's League of Philadelphia, composed of men who once fought under Quay's banner and who knew how he accomplished political results has offered a reward of \$25,000 for information of bribery or attempted bribery of any member of the legislature.

Gov. Roosevelt's eleven-year-old son, "Teddy," is a scrappy youngster, and has been engaged in three fights since the family removed to Albany, in two of which he "licked his man," while the other was said to have been a draw. The last fight was with the son of Chairman Barnes, of the Republican State Executive Committee, and may not add to the cordiality of the relations existing between the Governor and Albany's Republican boss.

We Americans have wasted a great deal of sympathy on the "army-ridden" nations of Europe, but a comparison of figures shows that our payments for pensions in 1898, \$145,748,865, were only \$3,000,000 less than Russia's expenditure for the maintenance of her army of 761,400 men, and were greater than either France or Germany paid out on account of their military establishments. With our army increased to meet the needs of an expansion policy our military and pension disbursements will for years be far in excess of those of any European nation.

The sentence of the Gen. Egan court martial that he be dismissed from the service is not a bit too severe. Nothing less could have satisfied the needs of military discipline and the court martial could take no account of the extenuating circumstances which he pleaded, for it is one of the fundamental rules of military discipline that respect must be shown superior officers. Egan brought all this trouble on himself by taking himself too seriously. When Gen. Miles testified that the boss was bad the public attached no great importance to his testimony. They regarded it merely as adding one more scandal to the scandals of the war, of which there had been so many that a few more made no difference, and it was not until Egan made an ass of himself by his attack on Gen. Miles that the public mind associated him with direct responsibility for the rotten beef sent to Porto Rico.

The Ravages of Grip.

That modern scourge, the Grip, poisons the air with its fatal germs, so that no home is safe from its ravages, but multitudes have found a sure protection against this dangerous malady in Dr. King's New Discovery. When you feel a chilliness in your bones and muscles, have colds and fever, with sore throat, pain in the back of the head, catarrhal symptoms and a stubborn cough you may know you have the Grip, and you need Dr. King's New Discovery. It will promptly cure the worst cough, heal the inflamed membranes, kill the disease germs and prevent the dreaded after-effects of the malady. Price 50 cents and \$1. Money back if not cured. A trial bottle free at J. J. Chambers' drug store.

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MONEY FOR THE SCHOOLS.

Board of Education Given Judgment Against the City for \$9,075—Trust Company to Advance Money on the Judgment.

An alleged informality in the vote authorizing the city to borrow the amount necessary to meet the deficiencies handed down to the present Council by its predecessors having made it difficult to secure the loan, it was proposed by H. W. Wiggins, attorney for the Board of Education, to have that body sue the city for the amount due it, with the understanding that the Trust Company would advance money on the judgment and hold it until it could be paid out of the proceeds of this year's tax levy.

City Attorney Taylor said he was unwilling to allow the judgment to be taken by default, and therefore he put in an answer to the summons and complaint in the Board of Education's suit. The matter came before Judge Hirschberg, at Newburgh, Thursday, Mr. Taylor appearing for the city and Mr. Wiggins for the Board of Education. To-day, Mr. Wiggins received word from Judge Hirschberg that he had given judgment for the full amount asked for, \$9,075.

This is probably the best way out of the financial difficulties in which the city has become involved. It places the Board of Education in possession of all the funds necessary to run the schools, and accomplishes by indirection the same result that the people intended when by vote they authorized the negotiation of a loan.

SPEAKER NIXON CRITICALLY ILL

BUFFALO, Jan. 28.—A Westfield, N. Y., dispatch to the *Evening News* says Hon. S. E. Nixon, speaker of the New York State Assembly, is ill at his home there of pneumonia. He has been prostrated for a week with the grip at Albany, and returned home yesterday much improved. Last night a relapse resulted from exposure on the journey, and his physician says he has pneumonia. His condition is critical.

EAGAN COURT MARTIAL VERDICT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—It is not probable that the verdict in the Gen. Egan court martial will reach the President before February 5. The President has not yet acted in the Capt. Carter case, and if that is considered first some time may elapse before the Egan verdict is approved or modified.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured, with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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There is one remedy that can effect this, and it is the only one that, so far as we know, has almost invariably succeeded—even where the system has been poisoned by long years of taint, and the ravages to be repaired are tremendous. That remedy is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Read this:

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Nor heat, nor cold can me debar, On waves of ether carried far I pass from earth to gleaming star, From laws of man immune.

I glean from harvests of the wise And share all joys of earth and skies; Afresh, the long past cycles rise, To will of mine attune.

I win fierce battles all unscarred, In tropic wilds I need no guard, For me is farthest north unbarred, Serene and safe as June.

On winged words afar I ride With sage and poet at my side; The wise of all the past as guide, Through dual realms I roam.

A voyager, I, in varied lands, And yet abide at home.

—Lucy D. Thomson, in Springfield (Mass.) Republican

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Edith—Harry is the most conceited man I ever met.

Elmer—What makes you think so?

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Bradley—To a day—yes, sir.

Radley—It must have been a terrible loss to you.

Bradley—Indeed it was; 25 years out of a man's life leaves an awful vacuum.

—Richmond Dispatch.

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Dr. Miles' Pain Pills cure Neuralgia.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAN. 28, 1899. Close Yesterday Today

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Jan. 28, '99.

Bankers' Shares 137 1/2 135 1/2

Telegraph Shares 146 1/2 146 1/2

Chicago Gas 117 1/2 118 1/2

Gen. Elec. 111 1/2 111 1/2

U. S. Steel 73 1/2 73 1/2

Am. Steel 47 1/2 48 1/2

Am. Sugar 27 1/2 27 1/2

Am. Tobacco 138 1/2 137 1/2

Am. Cotton 129 1/2 128 1/2

Am. Lumber 121 1/2 120 1/2

Am. Oil 10 1/2 10 1/2

Am. Paper 115 1/2 115 1/2

Am. Rubber 23 1/2 23 1/2

Am. Glass 23 1/2 23 1/2

Am. Iron 23 1/2 23 1/2

Am. Coal 23 1/2 23 1/2

Am. Wheat 149 1/2 149 1/2

Am. Corn 143 1/2 143 1/2

Am. Soybeans 47 1/2 47 1/2

Am. Pork 18 1/2 18 1/2

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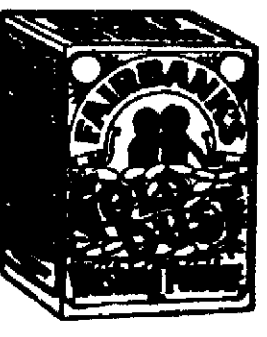
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GOOD YEAR AT HAND.

Extraordinary Prosperity in Store for American Farmers.

Chicago Still Is the Greatest Grain and Live Stock Market in the Western World—Figures Prove the Claim.

(Special Chicago Letter.)

CHICAGO'S two great industries are its grain and live stock trades. It was said some years ago that Kansas City and Omaha would outstrip the western metropolis as stock markets and that the same cities, Duluth and Minneapolis would crowd it pretty close as grain markets. Official figures of last year's transactions of the Chicago board of trade and the Union Stock yards, furnished to me by the officers of the two corporations, prove that the Illinois city still is the greatest trading center in produce of every description, and indications that it will remain the leader for many years to come are reliable.

It is possible that the famous Leiter wheat deal, which was floated in April, 1897, and collapsed July 1, 1898, had something to do with the enormous totals of Chicago board of trade bank clearings, but certainly not enough to affect the city's commercial standing. The Leiter deal was responsible for crowding the price of wheat up to \$1.85 in the face of government crop reports confidently predicting a yield of 650,000,000 bushels. Elevators were full to overflowing when the collapse came. Levi Z. Leiter, the father of Joseph, otherwise known as the Napoleon of the wheat market, had to come to his son's rescue and mortgaged and sold Chicago real estate to the amount of \$6,000,000 in order to save the family name from commercial failure. Complete stagnation followed the collapse, yet in spite of this the total board of trade clearings for the year are but \$7,500,000 behind those of 1897, which was a splendid year for a

The Chicago stock yards make an equally gratifying showing. Receipts of all kinds of live stock aggregated over 17,000,000 head, valued at about \$230,000,000, and divided as follows:

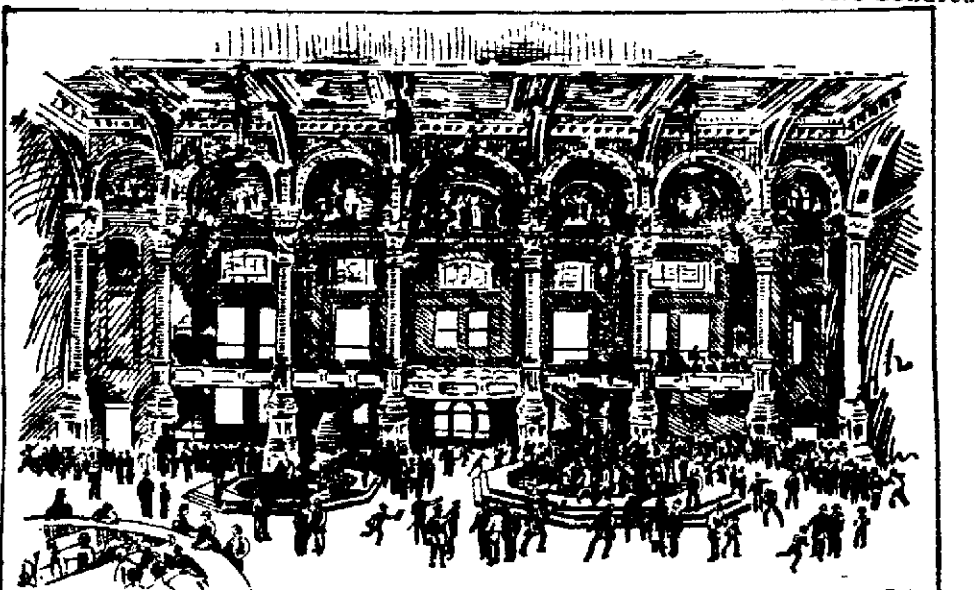
Cattle.....2,485,000
 Calves.....122,021
 Hogs.....5,750,250
 Sheep.....1,407,700
 Horses.....118,300
 Cars.....278,100

The capacity of the yards is 75,000,000 cattle, 300,000 hogs, 50,000 sheep and 5,000 horses; and this was tested several times during the year. The average price paid for hogs in May was \$4.25 and in December \$3.40 the two months representing the highest and lowest quotations. The average price paid for cattle per head was \$48; calves, \$12; hogs, \$9; sheep, \$4.50, and horses, \$70. The average weight of cattle is reported at about 1,054 pounds; hogs 233 pounds, and sheep 86 pounds.

The common belief that horses are no longer good property is discounted by the fact that 6,000 more horses arrived and were sold at the Union stock yards than in any previous year, and that an average price of \$70 was received for them. Part of this increase is accounted for, of course, by the Spanish-American war and the demand for cavalry horses created by it. Many of these animals were bought in the Chicago market, and it goes without saying that Uncle Sam paid full value for every creature he purchased. But leaving the war demand out of consideration the general tenor of the horse market was exceedingly healthy in 1898, and prominent horse dealers are of the opinion that 1899 will be the banner year for medium-priced, well-bred animals.

The receipt of 9,000,000 hogs in one market in the course of a single year is nothing short of phenomenal. But still more surprising is the circumstance that each animal sold for \$9, a price which should leave a profitable margin for the farmer and stock raiser.

In the sheep section of the yards there has recently been erected a complete dip and pool, whose work is conducted under the control of the government and done under the direct supervision of government agents. Five hundred



EXCHANGE HALL, CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

speculative point of view. By months the clearings were as follows:

Date	Clearings	Balances
January	\$3,691,065.00	\$1,176,751.39
February	6,161,488.38	2,093,118.14
March	4,842,889.00	1,572,608.86
April	5,361,193.75	2,482,812.46
May	15,450,040.00	4,504,873.91
June	11,225,470.00	3,585,782.62
July	4,354,946.25	1,385,572.10
August	5,235,625.00	1,456,227.40
September	5,735,907.50	3,369,077.00
October	3,973,038.38	1,290,106.43
November	2,838,213.75	945,473.16
December	2,575,736.63	842,240.63
Totals	\$72,972,450.61	\$24,065,527.34
Preced. year, '97	\$65,359,901.25	\$26,234,948.01

*One day short.

The foreign demand for food products of every kind was phenomenal during the latter half of 1898; and an overwhelming percentage of the export trade was carried on through Chicago houses. According to the secretary of the board of trade the following were the receipts and shipments of all the leading articles of produce, excepting live stock:

Articles	Received 1898	Shipped 1898
Flour, bu.	5,324,558	5,894,526
Wheat, bu.	35,741,558	13,397,081
Corn, bu.	127,428,374	10,957,626
Oats, bu.	110,293,647	6,503,354
Rye, bu.	4,300,308	6,723,347
Barley, bu.	18,118,594	78,761,646
Grass seeds, lbs.	97,439,279	3,396,734
Flaxseed, bu.	5,481,173	6,857,229
Broomcorn, lbs.	5,735,907	2,653,000
Cured meats, lbs.	228,000,246	923,829,022
Canned meats, cases	10,559	1,031,432
Dressed beef, lbs.	110,286,652	1,060,859,808
Beef, pkgs.	11,000,642	65,439
Pork, brls.	3,017	13,442
Lard, lbs.	65,083,445	526,923,221
Cheese, lbs.	30,497,448	44,948,166
Butter, lbs.	221,879,155	205,461,787
Dressed hogs, No.	3,040	126,877,422
Wool, lbs.	29,346,948	39,128,416
Cotton, tons	7,587,200	845,485
Lumber, 1,000 ft.	7,587,200	845,485
Shingles, 1,000	282,151	267,371
Salt, brls.	1,893,037	1,029,505
Hay, tons	10,514,633	10,461
Potatoes, bu.	10,514,633	5,625,633
Eggs, cases	2,150,978	1,257,533

The following are semi-official estimates of the value of the produce received during 1898 and the corresponding totals for the ten preceding years:

	1898	1897
Flour	\$20,000,000	\$14,000,000
Wheat	30,000,000	22,725,000
Corn	37,000,000	29,500,000
Oats	25,000,000	21,500,000
Rye	2,500,000	1,305,000
Barley	6,000,000	5,400,000
Millstuffs	1,000,000	900,000
Butter	40,500,000	41,100,000
Cheese	5,500,000	5,400,000
Hides	7,800,000	7,900,000
Wool	5,500,000	5,100,000
Flaxseed	5,400,000	4,500,000
Other seed	2,800,000	1,700,000
Broomcorn	600,000	600,000
Salt	1,100,000	1,050,000
Olives	1,500,000	1,500,000
Other vegetables	1,500,000	1,500,000
Tallow and grease	600,000	600,000
Hay	2,000,000	2,200,000
Apples	400,000	400,000
Other fruits	2,500,000	2,200,000
Other fruits	2,500,000	2,200,000
Hops	600,000	600,000
EGGS	2,700,000	2,500,000
Poultry and game	2,200,000	2,117,000
Live stock	230,000,000	216,300,000
Peel	9,000,000	8,800,000
Meats (hork)	2,400,000	2,274,000
Totals	\$458,000,000	\$419,302,000
Total for 1896		\$484,193,000
Total for 1895		\$495,000,000
Total for 1894		\$497,973,000
Total for 1893		\$497,000,000
Total for 1892		\$497,000,000
Total for 1891		\$497,000,000
Total for 1890		\$497,000,000
Total for 1889		\$497,000,000
Total for 1888		\$497,000,000
Total for 1887		\$497,000,000

thousand sheep have been dipped up to January 1, 1899, and all danger from ticks has been effectively removed.

Gratifying as this showing must be to the farmers of the central, western and southern states, they must be still more pleased with the predictions of the leading Chicago grain and live-stock operators to the effect that while the speculative market will be dull all through 1899 there will be a steady cash demand for all kinds of grain and stock.

The export trade, which has become an important feature of the produce market, will consume all the surplus products of American farms for at least another twelvemonth at prices that should be satisfactory even to the chronic kicker.

American diplomacy has been instrumental in persuading a number of European governments that western meats are not only wholesome, but superior to the home article. In some instances persuasion had to take the form of threats of retaliation, but the result in every case has been a victory for the American hog and corn-fed cattle. American grain is destined to be used in Europe for some time to come, as the year's Russian and Indian wheat crops do not promise a good yield.

Altogether it looks as if the American farmer had entered upon an era of affluence and prosperity extraordinary. It may, however, be permissible to add that much of his prosperity will depend upon the grain and produce merchants of our large cities who know how to control foreign markets for the benefit of American producers. Chief among these great international commercial agencies is the Chicago board of trade, whose members handle more grain than the merchants of all other western cities combined. Hence upon the judgment, wisdom and disinterestedness of these men must, in a large measure, rest the pecuniary welfare of every tiller of the soil. And that is another reason why producer and dealer should come closer together instead of permitting themselves to drift apart. Their interests are mutual, whatever demagogues may say to the contrary.

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Breakfasting in a Brougham.
 Time is money, and a fashionable London doctor, whose mornings are fully occupied in paying visits to his many patients, has succeeded in effecting a decided economy. He may be seen driving through West end squares eating his breakfast in his brougham. His morning meal is nicely packed in a hamper. A wooden flap is in front of his carriage. This is propped up and the table spread. The doctor then eats comfortably and at leisure his matutinal roll and boiled egg, which he would have been forced to swallow in hot haste had he partaken of it within his house.

NEW YORK ONTARIO WESTERN

Time Table in Effect Sept. 25th, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS	6	12	30	14	42	50
NEW YORK	6:00	12:00	3:00	14:00	42:00	50:00
Franklin	6:10	12:10	3:10	14:10	42:10	50:10
W. 42nd St.	6:20	12:20	3:20	14:20	42:20	50:20
W. 59th St.	6:30	12:30	3:30	14:30	42:30	50:30
W. 66th St.	6:40	12:40	3:40	14:40	42:40	50:40
W. 74th St.	6:50	12:50	3:50	14:50	42:50	50:50
W. 81st St.	7:00	1:00	4:00	15:00	43:00	51:00
W. 89th St.	7:10	1:10	4:10	15:10	43:10	51:10
W. 96th St.	7:20	1:20	4:20	15:20	43:20	51:20
W. 104th St.	7:30	1:30	4:30	15:30	43:30	51:30
W. 111th St.	7:40	1:40	4:40	15:40	43:40	51:40
W. 119th St.	7:50	1:50	4:50	15:50	43:50	51:50
W. 126th St.	8:00	2:00	5:00	16:00	44:00	52:00
W. 134th St.	8:10	2:10	5:10	16:10	44:10	52:10
W. 141st St.	8:20	2:20	5:20	16:20	44:20	52:20
W. 149th St.	8:30	2:30	5:30	16:30	44:30	52:30
W. 156th St.	8:40	2:40	5:40	16:40	44:40	52:40
W. 164th St.	8:50	2:50	5:50	16:50	44:50	52:50
W. 171st St.	9:00	3:00	6:00	17:00	45:00	53:00
W. 179th St.	9:10	3:10	6:10	17:10	45:10	53:10
W. 186th St.	9:20	3:20	6:20	17:20	45:20	53:20
W. 194th St.	9:30	3:30	6:30	17:30	45:30	53:30
W. 201st St.	9:40	3:40	6:40	17:40	45:40	53:40
W. 209th St.	9:50	3:50	6:50	17:50	45:50	53:50
W. 216th St.	10:00	4:00	7:00	18:00	46:00	54:00
W. 224th St.	10:10	4:10	7:10	18:10	46:10	54:10
W. 231st St.	10:20	4:20	7:20	18:20	46:20	54:20
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W. 254th St.	10:50	4:50	7:50	18:50	46:50	54:50
W. 261st St.	11:00	5:00	8:00	19:00	47:00	55:00
W. 269th St.	11:10	5:10	8:10	19:10	47:10	55:10
W. 276th St.	11:20	5:20	8:20	19:20	47:20	55:20
W. 284th St.	11:30	5:30	8:30	19:30	47:30	55:30
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W. 299th St.	11:50	5:50	8:50	19:50	47:50	55:50
W. 306th St.	12:00	6:00	9:00	20:00	48:00	56:00
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W. 366th St.	1:20	7:20	10:20	21:20	49:20	57:20
W. 374th St.	1:30	7:30	10:30	21:30	49:30	57:30
W. 381st St.	1:40	7:40	10:40	21:40	49:40	57:40
W. 389th St.	1:50	7:50	10:50	21:50	49:50	57:50
W. 396th St.	2:00	8:00	11:00	22:00	50:00	58:00
W. 404th St.	2:10	8:10	11:10	22:10	50:10	58:10
W. 411st St.	2:20	8:20	11:20	22:20	50:20	58:20
W. 419th St.	2:30	8:30	11:30	22:30	50:30	58:30
W. 426th St.	2:40	8:40	11:40	22:40	50:40	58:40
W. 434th St.	2:50	8:50	11:50	22:50	50:50	58:50
W. 441st St.	3:00	9:00	12:00	23:00	51:00	59:00
W. 449th St.	3:10	9:10	12:10	23:10	51:10	59:10
W. 456th St.	3:20	9:20	12:20	23:20	51:20	59:20
W. 464th St.	3:30	9:30	12:30	23:30	51:30	59:30
W. 471st St.	3:40	9:40	12:40	23:40	51:40	59:40
W. 479th St.	3:50	9:50	12:50	23:50	51:50	59:50
W. 486th St.	4:00	10:00	1:00	24:00	52:00	60:00
W. 494th St.	4:10	10:10	1:10	24		

